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FIREWORKS 3
product info

WHAT IS FIREWORKS?

Fireworks 3 brings efficiency to Web graphics production! Quickly create buttons, animations, and page comps. Everything remains editable, including files from leading graphics applications. Save production time with the History panel, step-by-step button maker, and the Library. Integrate Fireworks code seamlessly into Dreamweaver and other leading HTML editors. Only Fireworks lets you script the entire application to automate workflow.

FIREWORKS IN-DEPTH

Hot new features in Fireworks 3
Design editable Web graphics in an instant, automate workflow, and integrate with other Web applications.

FAQ
Read the frequently asked questions about Fireworks.

Competitive edge
Check out how Fireworks stacks up against the competition!

Features
Take the feature tour!

Reviews
Find out what customers and major publications are saying about Fireworks.

System requirements
All you need is any Power Macintosh or Pentium II Windows computer.

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hot new features in fireworks 3

DESIGN

Design editable Web graphics, animations, and Web comps in an instant.

- Preview optimization and rollover effects right in the workspace
- Copy paths for pasting into Flash, FreeHand, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, CorelDraw, and more
- Gamma preview
- Lossy GIF optimization
- Brightness/Contrast, Hue/Saturation, Levels/Curves
- Export selected slices
- Missing Fonts dialog box
- Preserve transparency
- Rotate canvas
- Preview font before applying
- Photoshop's native filters can be applied as Live Effects

Full-size image.

AUTOMATE

Automate the Web graphics workflow to meet the demands of constant edits, updates, and changes.

- Entire application can be scripted using JavaScript
- History panel
- One-step command creation
- Symbols library
- Button symbols
- Graphic symbols
- Step-by-step button creation
- Find and replace Web-safe colors

Full-size image.

INTEGRATE

Integrate with other Macromedia products, popular graphics applications, and HTML editors for a complete Web solution.

- New Dreamweaver object automatically inserts Fireworks HTML and graphics into Dreamweaver documents
- Navigation bar behaviors
- Remember original source location during launch and edit
- Copy to clipboard wizard for step-by-step insertion of HTML into GoLive, FrontPage, and Dreamweaver
- Script Fireworks from Dreamweaver with JavaScript
- Export as Illustrator
- Export as SWF
- Import Photoshop and retain layers, including editable text and effects layers
- Update HTML command

Full-size image

For a more comprehensive look at Fireworks, take our Feature Tour.

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FIREWORKS 3
faq

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PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS AND AVAILABILITY

Q Is Fireworks 3 available for both Macintosh and Windows?

A Yes. Fireworks 3 is available on both platforms. Read the detailed system requirements.

Q What is the price for the full version of Fireworks 3?

A The price for the full version of Fireworks 3 is US $199. New Fireworks customers can also take advantage of the Dreamweaver 3 Fireworks 3 Studio, which includes Dreamweaver 3, HomeSite (Win), and Fireworks 3, for only US $399. This is more than a $100 savings over the price of those products purchased separately. All pricing is for North America. Please contact your local distributor for pricing in other regions.

UPGRADES

Q What is the upgrade price for customers who already own Fireworks?

A Customers who own Fireworks and do not qualify for the special offer below can purchase the upgrade to Fireworks 3 for US $99. All pricing is for North America. Please contact your local distributor for pricing in other regions.

Q What if I own the Dreamweaver 2 Fireworks 2 Studio and I want to upgrade to the Dreamweaver 3 Fireworks 3 Studio?

A You pay only US $199 and save more than $200 off the suggested retail price of $399.

Q What if I own Fireworks and want to upgrade to the Dreamweaver 3 Fireworks 3 Studio?

A You pay only $249 and save more than $150 off the suggested retail price of $399.

I just purchased Fireworks 2. Do I have to pay full price for Fireworks 3?

If you purchased a stand-alone version of Fireworks 2 between November 8, 1999 and January 31, 2000, you qualify for a free upgrade (boxed only). Call (800) 457-1774 for details.

Can I upgrade Fireworks using Electronic Software Distribution (ESD)?

Yes. ESD upgrades of Fireworks 3 are now available for US $99.

If I purchased Fireworks using Electronic Software Distribution (ESD), can I still qualify for an upgrade?

Yes. No matter how you purchased Fireworks, you can upgrade for only US $99.

FILE FORMAT

What file formats can I import into Fireworks?

You can import PICT (Macintosh), native FreeHand files (FH7, FH8), native Illustrator files (AI7, AI8), layered Photoshop files (PSD), CorelDraw 8, GIF, JPEG, BMP, TIFF, PNG (Windows and Macintosh), TGA, ASCII text, and RTF text.

What file formats can I export from Fireworks?

You can export GIF, JPEG, PICT (Macintosh), TIFF, BMP, PNG, Illustrator files, and Lotus Domino Designer Image Wells (Windows and Macintosh). HTML output includes support for JavaScript rollovers, image maps, Dreamweaver behaviors, Dreamweaver libraries, and CSS layers. You can also export as SWF to easily integrate your Fireworks graphics into your Flash projects.

Does Fireworks 3 support digital cameras and scanners?

Fireworks 3 supports industry-standard TWAIN and Photoshop Acquire plug-ins for incorporating digital files from cameras and scanners directly into your Web graphics designs.

What is the native file format for Fireworks?

PNG, pronounced "ping", is the Fireworks native file format. PNG is an acronym for Portable Network Graphics, an extensible image format recommended as a Web standard by the W3C. PNG files are lossless and support indexed, grayscale, true color (24-bit RGB) images plus an optional 8-bit alpha channel.

Will browsers display PNG images?

Although PNG is a W3C-recommended format for Web images, not all browsers will display PNG images. When you're designing cross-browser Web graphics that will play back in older browser versions, we recommend you use the powerful export options in Fireworks to create optimized GIF and JPEG images.

Why did Macromedia choose PNG as the Fireworks native file format?

We chose PNG because it, like Fireworks, is designed for the Web. The latest versions of Netscape, Microsoft Internet Explorer, and Microsoft Office, as well as key graphics applications like FreeHand and Photoshop can read native Fireworks files.

How do Fireworks and Dreamweaver work together?

With Fireworks 3 and Dreamweaver 3, integration is tighter than ever. For example, you can automatically insert Fireworks HTML and graphics into Dreamweaver and script Fireworks from Dreamweaver, or quickly launch and edit graphics from Dreamweaver.

ABOUT FIREWORKS

Can I customize Fireworks?

Yes. Virtually all the document object model is exposed, so anything you do in Firerworks 3 can be scripted using JavaScript and shared across Macintosh and Windows platforms.

Can I print my images from Fireworks?

Yes. Fireworks is a design tool optimized for Web and screen graphics. You can print directly from Fireworks, or you can place Fireworks images (as PNG or TIFF format images) in FreeHand and print from there.

What localized versions of Fireworks 3 will be available?

Japanese and German will ship mid-December 1999. Italian, Spanish, Swedish, Portuguese, and French will be available late January 2000.

Can I import layered Photoshop files into Fireworks?

Yes. Fireworks retains your layers, and text and effects remain fully editable. Fireworks also retains layers from Illustrator and FreeHand with options to convert layers (or pages, in the case of FreeHand) to frames.

Can I use my favorite plug-in filters with Fireworks?

Yes. Now you can view many third-party filters as Live Effects, including Photoshop filters and customer favorites like Alien Skin Eye Candy and MetaCreations KPT.

TECHNICAL FAQ

Visit the Fireworks Support Center for an extensive list of technical FAQs!

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FIREWORKS 3
competitive edge

"Every so often a product comes along that revolutionizes the way you work. Well, today is the day and Fireworks 3 is the product. Combining the creative freedom of vectors with the ability to create and optimize bitmaps, together with the seamless integration with Dreamweaver 3, a complete Web authoring solution is finally available!"
- Garo Green, director of training, Lynda.com.

	FIREWORKS 3	Photoshop 5.5/Image Ready
Bitmap editing	●	●
Vector editing and support	●	
Third-party filter as live effects	●	
Preview rollovers in workspace	●	
Import Photoshop files	●	●
Import Photoshop files and text and layers remain editable	●	
Import FreeHand and Illustrator files and vectors remain editable	●	
Native color correction as Live Effects	●	
Animated GIF creation	●	●
Complete text control	●	●
Slicing and image optimization	●	●
Everything is always editable	●	
Scriptable via JavaScript	●	
History panel	●	●
Step-by-step button maker	●	
Symbols library	●	
Global Find and replace	●	
Graphic/text styles	●	
URL manager	●	
Sophisticated rollovers	●	
Pre-coded behaviors	●	
SWF export	●	
Auto insert Fireworks HTML and graphics in Dreamweaver* or GoLive	●	

Customizable HTML and JavaScript	●	
Insert HTML Wizard	●	
Launch and optimize from Dreamweaver* or GoLive	●	
Launch and edit from Dreamweaver* or GoLive	●	
Update HTML in line	●	●
Export as Adobe Illustrator	●	

*Fireworks performs these tasks with Dreamweaver.

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FIREWORKS 3
features

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Check out the hot new features in Fireworks 3, or for an in-depth look take the feature tour.

start feature tour

DESIGN

- Bitmap editing
- Superior vector editing and support
- Third-party filters as Live Effects
- Preview in work space
- Gamma preview
- Import Photoshop files
- Native color correction filters as Live Effects
- Animated GIFs
- Complete text control
- Slicing
- Image optimization

AUTOMATE

- History panel
- Step-by- step button maker
- Fully scriptable environment
- Library
- Find and replace
- Graphic/text styles
- URL panel
- Copy and paste paths

INTEGRATE

- Sophisticated rollovers
- SWF export
- Auto-insert in Dreamweaver
- Customize HTML & JavaScript
- HTML wizard
- Launch and optimize
- Launch and edit
- Update HTML in line
- Export as Adobe Illustrator

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Macintosh	Windows
Power Macintosh Processor (G3 or higher recommended)	Intel Pentium processor (Pentium II recommended)
Mac OS 8.1 or later	Windows 95, 98, or NT (with Service Pack 3) or later
64 MB of available RAM	64 MB of available RAM
640 x 480, 256-color display (1024 x 768, millions of colors recommended)	640 x 480, 256-color display (1024 x 768, millions of colors recommended)
100 MB of free hard disk space	100 MB of free hard disk space
Adobe Type Manager Version 4 or later with Type 1 fonts	Adobe Type Manager Version 4 or later with Type 1 fonts

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